

(b) if so, the salient features of the report;

(c) whether the Government have examined this report; and

(d) the action taken by the Government on the observations made by the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Power Sector on Central List

1662. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the experts have suggested that vital power sector should be exclusive domain of Centre and measures should be initiated to take this out of the concurrent list of the Centre and States; and

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals in this regard are being worked out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Poverty Alleviation

1664. SHRI JAG MOHAN : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the role, India's private corporate sector is playing in alleviating poverty;

(b) whether this sector has in any way helped in building up economic and social capabilities of the poor;

(c) the efforts being made by the Government in changing the mindset of the private corporate sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YODINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). The Government follows a three-pronged attack on poverty, i.e. (i) acceleration of economic growth, (ii) human and social development through literacy, education, health, nutrition, meeting the minimum needs, elevation of social and economic status of the weaker section of the Society, etc., and (iii) direct attack on

poverty through employment and income generating programmes and asset-building for the poor. The private corporate sector plays an important role in accelerating the rate of economic growth in the country, thereby leading to economic activity and employment through backward and forward linkages. However, the direct attack on poverty is almost entirely in the Government.

(c) The Government applies monetary and fiscal instruments to channelise investment and output of the private corporate sector in the desired direction. There is a National Fund for Rural Development which attracts donations for rural development projects with tax concession. In addition, efforts are made towards persuading corporations to take up a greater burden of social responsibility. A number of large private corporations have become involved in various village development schemes and social forestry.

Development of Non-Conventional Energy Sources

1665. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central assistance is given to the State Agencies for development of Non-Conventional Energy Sources;

(b) if so, the details of financial assistance given to Bihar Renewable Energy Development Agency (BREDA) in the years 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95, the target fixed and the achievements made so far;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the IG, Registration, Bihar has cancelled the Registration of BREDA and the Central Government are still extending financial assistance to an illegal institution; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of financial assistance given to Bihar Renewable Energy Development Agency (BREDA) during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95, the targets fixed and achievements are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The IG, Registration, Bihar vide his order dated 20.7.1993 had cancelled the Registration of Bihar Renewable Energy development Agency (BREDA). On an appeal filed by BREDA, Member, Board of Revenue, Government of Bihar vide his order dated 7.12.1993, set aside the order of the IG, Registration. Therefore, the Central Government is not supporting any illegal institution.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. Programme No.	Physical target/achievement and financial Assistance								
	1992-93			1993-94			1994-95		
	Physical		financial assistance (Rs. in lakh)	Physical		Financial assistance (Rs. in lakh)	Physical		Financial assistance (Rs. in lakh)
	target	Achievement		Target	Achievement		Target	Achievement	
1. Biogas (Family type) (Nos.)	3500	3502	58.98	3000	2674	55.06	3000	1063	Nil
2. Community/Institutional Biogas Plants (CBP/IBP) (Nos.)	6	Nil	2.50	5	Nil	Nil	2	2	Nil
3. Improved Chulhas (Nos.)	80.000	81.097	187.34	1,50,000	76.231	51.00	80.000	29.968	66.05
4. Intergrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP)	No targets	-	12.52	No targets	-	10.22	No targets	-	-
5. Solar Thermal Extension Programme (collector area in m ²)	1830	Nil	20.3	Not allocated	1004	0.66	Not allocated	Nil	1.50
6. Water Pumping Wind Mills	No target	-	-	No target	-	Nil	No target	-	9.50

Southern Gas Grid

1666. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from Kerala to take steps to clear the Southern gas grid;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government so far to clear this project;

(c) the estimated cost of the Southern Gas Grid;

(d) the names of the major beneficiaries of this project; and

(e) the names of the countries which have proposed to supply gas to this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has signed an Agreement on Principal Terms with Oman and has commissioned the feasibility study for the Iran-India pipeline. A proposal for setting up an LNG terminal in Southern India has been received from the Gas Authority of India Limited.

(c) and (d). The cost and the names of major beneficiaries will be known after a specific project is drawn up.

(e) Natural gas from Oman/Iran and LNG from the Middle-East/South East Asia could be fed into the Southern Gas Grid.

Pooyamkutty Power Project

1667. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India have received any assurance from the Government of Canada for getting Financial assistance to Pooyamkutty Hydro Electric Project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the terms and conditions of the Canadian Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Investigation against Employees of Kendriya Bhandar

1668. SHRI RAM SAGAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases under investigation against the employees of the Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) the number of cases finalised and action taken;

(c) whether the case of shortages in the branch stores/godowns still continue unabatedly;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and